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For : OPTICAL DATA RECORDING MEDIUM AND MATERIAL FOR
HEAT-RESISTANT PROTECTION LAYER FOR THE SAME1185 Avenue of the Americas
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please add claims 7-15 as follows:

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- 7. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:
a basic material; and
a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg
when in a bulk state, said compound comprising zinc oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material
of 3% to 50% zinc oxide.
8. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:
a basic material; and
a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg
when in a bulk state, said compound comprising titanium oxide in a molar ratio with the basic
material of 10% to 98% titanium oxide.